

The Messenger

The Newsletter from Bishops' College



Active-8!



On April 3rd 30 Year 8 students left BC for the trip to Staffordshire Kingswood activity centre. The weekend, lit by hazy springtime sunshine, was a huge success. Students completed a packed timetable of nine activities over the two days including quad biking, abseiling, night lining and secret missions and met every task with enthusiasm and much courage.



At night students took part in singing around the campfire and on the second night strutted their stuff at the on site disco. The fun continued into the night as all became settled in their dorms after a busy but rewarding day.



The staff that attended - Mr Tyrrell, Miss Wheeler, Miss Mills and Mr Morris also had a great time and got stuck in despite some being scared of heights! The staff at the centre were very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of the students who attended.



Plans for next year's residential are already underway for Yr 9, Please speak to Miss Wheeler if you missed out and are keen to attend. *Miss G Wheeler, Year 8 Group Manager.*

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Health Week was another great success this year. Students had the opportunity to participate in exciting activities during PE - this included bungee trampolines, and the climbing wall. A whole range of fruit was on offer at the end of lessons thanks to Tesco's, Asda and Sainsbury! In addition our kitchen staff developed a new menu to highlight the whole range of healthy food on offer! Choices include fruit kebabs and Veggie Stir Fry - yum!



We make an IMPACT

IMPACT



Impact met on Monday 11th May and Brad Hartsoe the new Family Liaison Worker at the college came along, introduced himself and told us about his role in helping families to do all they can to help their children improve their achievement. We also looked at arranging further 'Themed' IMPACT meetings and decided that another session on 'Dealing with Bullying from a Parents' Perspective' could prove particularly useful to anyone who wasn't present last time and especially parents/carers of students joining Year 7 in September. If you're interested in this or any other IMPACT activity please

contact me or the college for further information. As part of our aim to get to know Bishops' College better 2 of parents sat in on the last School Parliament meeting and were delighted to see that the 'student voice' is so well represented across all years at Bishops. We were particularly impressed by the open and mature ways matters were raised, discussed and resolved – well done to you all! Our next meeting will be on **Monday 1st June 2009** in the Meeting Room. Don't forget, if you have any comments or questions I'll be happy to help, just email me on jmiles@blueyonder.co.uk or phone me via the school office. *Jane Miles, Parent Governor.*

Reminders

Year 9 Mathamagic Trip to Cardiff is taking place on 15th June, cost £15 - first come first served.

Homework on the website:

<http://www.bishops.gloucs.sch.uk/students/homework.htm>

Student's Corner

Hi I'm Sylwia Watroba, I am in Year 8 and am originally from Poland.

In Bishops' College there are many prizes to win for things like:

E-Behaviour, Attendance and Homework.

I won a Residential trip for second best E-Behaviour. I never thought that just for listening to a teacher or doing my work, I can achieve that much!



When I started my first year at Bishops' College, I was just a little girl and didn't understand what people were asking. I now understand more and can do my work properly and understand what lessons are about.

We can always achieve what ever we want, but we need to talk to our selves and ask "can I change something for the best"?

Building Bridges



At Bridge we have done plastering, rendering, carpentry, bricklaying, health and beauty, health and safety, plumbing and mechanics. We have enjoyed Bridge this year because it gets us out of



school, and we get to do something practical that we can use when we leave school. We have made a lot of new friends around our age group and we have learned a lot from them. We have made a lot of things like model motor bikes, a cabinet, model trains, ash-trays and tables amongst other stuff. We would recommend Bridge to anyone that enjoys practical work. *Matt Hook-Glover, Wade Mayo, Daniel Appleby and Jake Howe.*

House Points



This term's **Attendance Points**

ROBINSON	-	108
HAMILTON	-	106
HOLMES	-	92
REDGRAVE	-	92

HOLMES	-	14 759
REDGRAVE	-	14 748
HAMILTON	-	14 608
ROBINSON	-	14 205

House Point Totals

Who will catch Holmes?

Enrichment & Race for Life

Whole range of enrichment is on offer this term and highlights include:

- Early Morning Fitness - Mondays**
- Tennis & Cricket - Tuesdays**
- Swimming & Athletics - Wednesday s**
- Horse Riding & Volley Ball - Thursdays**



For the second year running we are entering Race for Life in Cheltenham. The event will take place on **Sunday 5th July**. If you are interested in taking part in this fun event then please speak to PE....

Stomp!

On Friday the 20th March 2009, Students from Years 7-11 were rewarded for excellent attendance, good behaviour and improvement in class. The reward was a workshop put on by STOMP PRODUCTIONS – a company who use every day items (barrels and plastic bottles) to create rhythms and beats. The representatives came to demonstrate and encourage the students to participate.

The event was enjoyed by all students, the supporting staff and our parent governor. Certificates were issued to all students who took part. We hope that we will have the opportunity to host many more events as rewards to those pupils who show that they care about their future by demonstrating their willingness to learn and desire to succeed. *Miss S Redway, LSW.*

Boxing Clever

Former international heavyweight boxer, Dermot Gascoygne, visited the College on Monday 11th May to reward the Year 11 Living for Sport girls on their positive participation on the mentoring project. Dermot spent time with Year 7 and 8 girls and Year 11 boys, and focused on raising aspirations, developing strong communication skills and being the best you can be.

The Living for Sport project will be running again next year and Year 10 girls are currently being selected to take part so if you are interested please come and speak to PE.

Principal's Corner

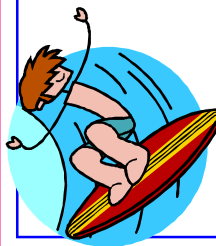


From the outset, the Governing Body of Bishops' College was clear that our Christian identity was central to what we are, and how we grow. This does not mean, of course, that everyone in the College is Christian, or that we would want that to be the case.

This year, led by our Chaplain, Chris Blockley, we have taken great strides in developing an ethos in which everyone can reflect on what they believe, and on how that affects their words and actions. This comes through Beliefs & Values lessons, through assemblies, and through Thought for the Day. As we explained in February's 'Messenger', our Prayer Room is home to twelve paintings - 'Prayer Story' - which serve as a focus for reflection.

Next year, we will take forward both the importance of reflection, and the power of the arts in helping us to learn and think and pray. If you are interested in this dimension of the College, please let us know.

Bude-acious!



Year 9 have their annual residential planned for June! This year we will be travelling to Bude and taking part in some exciting activities including rock climbing, canoeing and surfing! This is an action packed weekend of fun and laughter so if you want to get involved please come and see any of the Year Group Team.

Year 8 Try Hard

On the 24th April Year 8 Boys went to the 1908 Cup Rugby League Competition in Cheltenham. It was a very competitive event on a hot afternoon. The boys battled hard with good performances eventually missing out to Churchdown to qualify for the finals. The team included:

Sam Dickson, Jack Beaver, Ryan Elton, David Sekinger, Emmanuel Adeboye, Mark Potter, Josh Hergest, Jordan Groves, Jordan Burr, Kieron Dwyer, Jayden Aubrey, Connor Dallimore.



Turbine Totals

Actual Wind Power

2.28 KW

Total Energy Generated

2443 KWH

Avoided CO₂ Emission

1050 KG

What does this mean?

So far, since the Turbines installation in August 2008, we have saved:

£345.68

by generating our own energy.

Diary Dates

Monday 1 June
Students return to school

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6:30pm IMPACT

22-25 June
Prayer Week

Tuesday 16 June
Mathamagic Trip

Thursday 18 June
Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 15 July
Achievement Evening

Friday 17 July
End of Term 6